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[Fostering network guide to looking after unaccompanied asylum-seeking children](https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/advice-information/looking-after-fostered-child/looking-after-unaccompanied-asylum-seeker-children) (e-book needs membership or purchase)

**Pocket Money**

For a child/young person in a fostering placement:

* the allowance is the £10 pocket money as per rates and allowances book and dependent on their age.

For a young person in a 16+ DYPAS only placement:

* the allowance is £30 per week. This is to broken down into £10 for pocket money, £10 for clothing and £10 for toiletries hobbies etc . The monies are held with the carer and the carer can give the £10 in cash to the young person. This could be in an envelope or in another way depending on how the young person would like to receive it. The clothing money etc. can be saved by the carers and they can keep a record and help the young person choose clothing etc.

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**Countries of origin: languages and religions**

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| Country | Languages | Religions | Country profiles |
| Afghanistan | 50% Dari  35% Pashto | 85-90% Islam Sunni  10-15% Islam Shia | [BBC profile](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-12011352)  [CIA profile](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/af.html) |
| Albania | 98% Albanian | 58% Islam Sunni with Bektashi minority  17% Christianity: Catholic, Orthodox | [BBC profile](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-17679574)  [CIA profile](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/al.html) |
| Eritrea | 55% Tigrinya  30% Tigre  15% other minority | 50% Christianity various  >48% Islam Sunni | [BBC profile](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-13349078)  [CIA profile](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/er.html) |
| Ethiopia | 34% Oromo  29% Amharic (official language)  Tigrinya and many other minority | 60% Christianity: Orthodox, Protestant, Catholic  34% Islam Sunni  Judaism and traditional faiths | [BBC profile](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-13349398)  [CIA profile](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/et.html) |
| Iran | 50-55% Persian  18-22% Azeri  7-10% Kurdish  7% Luri  Several other minority | 90-95% Islam Shia  5-10% Islam Sunni | [BBC profile](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-14541327)  [CIA profile](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ir.html) |
| Iraq | Arabic (majority)  15-20% Kurdish  Turkmen, Neo-Aramic and other minority | 60-65% Islam Shia  32-37% Islam Sunni  Christianity small minority | [BBC profile](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-14542954)  [CIA profile](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/iz.html) |
| Syria | Arabic majority  Kurdish significant minority  Several other minority | 74% Islam Sunni  13% Islam Alawi, Shia, Ismaili  10% Christianity  3% Druze | [BBC profile](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-14703856)  [CIA profile](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/sy.html) |
| Vietnam | Vietnamese majority | Officially atheist  8% Buddhism  7% Christianity | [BBC profile](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-16567315)  [CIA profile](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/vm.html) |

Many other nationalities alsoarrive - at June 2016, Kent was looking after young people from 21 different countries.

**Other countries:**

* [Google BBC country profile](https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=bbc+country+profile) <country name>
* [CIA World Factbook](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/) – select country from drop-down box and click on “People and Society” for language and faith information

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**Ramadan in 2017:** The dates are 27th May to 25th June

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim year, during which strict fasting is observed from dawn to sunset.

**Islam – Prayer Mats**

Exeter Mosque have kindly offered prayer mats free of charge to asylum seeking children – contact Babul (office manager) on [enquiries@exetermosque.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@exetermosque.org.uk)

[**Devon Interfaith Forum for Youth**](https://devoninterfaithforum4youth.wordpress.com/) **(DIFFY)** is a dynamic group of young people from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds committed to coming together for change. Young people from Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, and Bahai faiths, as well as those with no specific religious affiliation, gather together to socialise, have fun and learn from each other.

**Shops and online resources**

<http://islamicplace.com/> - website where you can buy everything from prayer mats to scarf pins

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Islamic-Travel-Pocket-Prayer-Compass/dp/B00LJ43ISW/ref=pd_vtph_201_tr_t_2?ie=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=SCKTN5REQGHQXWJGMGVB> – travel prayer mat, £3.99

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**Mosque and Islamic Centre for the South West**

12-13 York Road, Exeter, Devon, EX4 6PG

[www.exetermosque.org.uk](http://www.exetermosque.org.uk)

Contact the mosque via email to arrange a visit

**Exeter Hebrew Congregation,**

Exeter Synagogue**,**

Synagogue Place,

EXETER,

EX4 3EX

<http://www.exetersynagogue.org.uk/>

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**Torbay Islamic Centre**

128-130 Avenue Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ2 5LQ

[www.torbayislamiccentre.co.uk](http://www.torbayislamiccentre.co.uk)

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**Islamic Cultural and Community Centre**

19 Greenbank Avenue, St Judes, Plymouth, Devon, PL4 8PS

<http://piety.org.uk>

**Food shopping and eating out**

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**Halal food -** Halal is Arabic for permissible. Halal food is that which adheres to Islamic law, as defined in the Koran.The Islamic form of slaughtering animals or poultry, dhabiha, involves killing through a cut to the jugular vein, carotid artery and windpipe.

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| **Supermarket or restaurant** | **Is Halal meat sold?** | **Are products labelled as Halal?** |
| Waitrose | Yes. Some lamb is halal. All other meat is non-halal | No halal labelling on New Zealand lamb |
| Marks and Spencer | Yes. All New Zealand lamb is halal. Chicken, beef and British lamb is non-halal | No halal labelling on New Zealand lamb |
| Tesco | Yes. Most New Zealand lamb is halal and some other meats use halal techniques. Some halal-only counters | At halal counters and kosher ranges |
| Morrisons | Yes. Some branded halal chicken, lamb and beef. New Zealand lamb is halal | No halal labelling on New Zealand lamb. Halal ranges show slaughter method |
| Sainsbury's | Yes. A range of halal and kosher products | Halal and kosher ranges are labelled |
| Asda | Yes. A range of halal and kosher products | Only branded halal and kosher meals |
| Pizza Express | Yes | Not on menus, but on website |
| Zizzi | Yes | No |
| Ask | Yes | Not on menus, but on website |
| Harvester | Yes | Not on menus, but on website |
| Nando's | Yes, at most restaurants | Information in some stores and online |
| Beefeater | Yes. 80% of chicken is halal | No |
| Gourmet Burger Kitchen | Yes | Not on menus, but on website |
| Slug and Lettuce | Yes | No |
| Costa | Yes. 80% of chicken is halal | No |
| Greggs | Yes | No |
| KFC | Yes | No |
| Subway | Yes | Yes |

List of Halal restaurants and takeaways.is available at

<https://www.zabihah.com/mob/sub/dUo2MHxpkH?t=r&s=r>

The **Halal Monitoring Committee** (HMC UK) is an independent, not for profit, registered charity organisation whose main aim is to certify the production of genuine Halal food. HMC complies with the UK Laws for food production, as well as Islamic dietary compliance Laws.

<http://www.halalhmc.org/>

**Online halal recipes:**

<http://halaal.recipes/>

<http://www.faskitchen.com/>

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**Sidwell Street** **in Exeter** has several Halal shops – including two butchers – and a halal restaurant.

[Mashawi Restaurant Exeter](https://www.facebook.com/MashawiExeter)

[Brothers Butchers-halal Exeter](https://en-gb.facebook.com/Brothers-Butchers-halal-359113837588433/)

[Continental Foods Exeter](http://continentalfoodsexeter.com/) (9am – 10.30pm every day)

119-122 Old Tiverton Road Exeter

Tel: 01392 206666

[Heera International Food Supermarket](https://en-gb.facebook.com/Heera-International-Food-Drink-Supermarket-105884806196849/) (8.30am – 10pm every day)

5-6 Well St, Exeter EX4 6QR

Tel: 01392 434323

Yonk Asian Food

Summerland Street, Exeter, EX1 2AT

Tel: 01392 411598

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**Embankment Halal Grocery, Plymouth (9-5 Mon-Sat Sun 10 – 4)**

94 Embankment Road, Plymouth PL4 9HY

Tel: 01752 226 223

**Support Organisations in Devon**

**Devon Refugee Support** - <http://refugeesupportdevon.org.uk/> The Devon Refugee Support Service is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday with a Drop-in Service 10.00am – 12.00 & 2:00pm – 4:00pm – they are based at Exeter Community Centre, 17 St Davids Hills, Exeter, Devon EX4 3RG. General advice on accessing statutory services, cultural networks etc.

**Olive Tree Association** – English language

[NB children in care should access English language learning through their school/education provider. The following might be useful as a top-up but is aimed at adults]

Olive Tree provides free English classes during term-time taught by volunteer teachers. Currently runs 12 classes every week in Exeter, Teignmouth, Torquay, Newton Abbot and Honiton. Used to working with asylum seekers and refugees. The best contact is Paul Vass, ESOL Coordinator, [paul@devongrapevine.co.uk](mailto:paul@devongrapevine.co.uk) 01392 666222. They run free English lessons for minority ethnic groups in Exeter. The founder, David Wright, is actually a DCC employee working in Policy, Strategy and Organisational Change. Contact details are on the website. Website: <http://www.diversedevon.org/>

**Black and Minority Ethnic Information and Support in Devon**

**Hikmat Devon CIC** - <http://www.hikmatdevon.co.uk> a range of health and social care services for adults, families, older people, children and young people, including activity and sports groups, Carers Service, skills and training, Footcare and one-to-one support across Devon. Some open-access services publicised on website. Hikmat would be happy to talk to workers about bespoke/targeted services but funding would probably be needed for these. There is on out-of-hours telephone support service for specific clients: this is NOT open to all-comers.

**North Devon Sunrise CIC** <http://www.northdevonsunrise.org/> based in Barnstaple, focused on supporting individuals from BME and diverse communities with a range of issues – such as family welfare, social support and abuse – which is facilitated through casework, advocacy and signposting. Another core area of the organisation’s work is reducing social isolation and promoting inclusion which is achieved by holding regular drop-in and information centres, and organising and hosting a range of diversity-themed events open to people of all communities. Additionally, regular English Language (ESOL) classes and training workshops are held to improve confidence and increase employment potential

**Plymouth Kurdish Community** <http://www.pkc.org.uk> based in Plymouth, focussed on support to the Kurdish community in and around Plymouth but may be able to advise on cultural issue.